

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The illuminated retractable leash is an animal tethering device which uses electroluminescent wire and a DC to AC inverter to illuminate not only the extendable and retractable physical tether to the animal, but also to illuminate the leash housing. Electroluminescent wire wound on a rotating spool is supplied power by an inverter circuit powered by an on board battery. A transparent spool and an at least partially transparent housing provides the capability for illuminating the housing, as well as the electroluminescent wire leash.